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***Did you know that many museums, gardens and zoos are public institutions?***They are eager to provide all New Yorkers with access to their collections and services. Some museums list their admission as **“Suggested Admission" or “Pay What You Wish."** Both mean that you can give any amount you are able to for entry to that museum.  It's common for all New Yorkers to take advantage of this. Call ahead for more information.

**The City of New York is home to more than 700 galleries, 380 nonprofit theater companies, 330 dance companies, 131 museums, 96 orchestras, 40 Broadway theaters, 15 major concert halls, five zoos, five botanical gardens, and an aquarium. Many institutions offer free hours or suggested admission.**

**Venues with Free or Suggested Admission**

*Manhattan*

American Folk Art Museum | [www.folkartmuseum.org](http://www.folkartmuseum.org) | (212) 595-9533

American Institute of Graphic Arts | [www.aiga.org](http://www.aiga.org) | (212) 807-1990

American Museum of Natural History | [www.amnh.org](http://www.amnh.org) (212) 769-5100

Aperture Foundation Gallery | [www.aperture.org](http://www.aperture.org) | (212) 505-5555

The Center for Book Arts | [www.centerforbookarts.org](http://www.centerforbookarts.org) | (212) 481-0295

CUE Art Foundation | [www.cueartfoundation.org](http://www.cueartfoundation.org) | (212) 206-3583

Elizabeth Foundation for the Arts | [www.efanyc.org](http://www.efanyc.org) | (212) 695-0535

Horticultural Society of New York | [www.hsny.org](http://www.hsny.org) | (212) 757-0915

International Print Center New York | [www.ipcny.org](http://www.ipcny.org) | (212) 989-5090

Metropolitan Museum of Art | [www.metmuseum.org](http://www.metmuseum.org) | (212) 535-7710

The Cloisters Museum and Gardens | [www.metmuseum.org](http://www.metmuseum.org) | (212) 923-3700

El Museo del Barrio | [www.elmuseo.org](http://www.elmuseo.org) | (212) 831-7272

Museum of Biblical Art | [www.mobia.org](http://www.mobia.org) | (212) 408-1500

Museum of the City of New York | [www.mcny.org](http://www.mcny.org) | (212) 534-1672

National Museum of the American Indian | nmai.si.edu | (212) 514-3700

Studio Museum in Harlem | [www.studiomuseum.org](http://www.studiomuseum.org) | (212) 864-4500

Taller Boricua | [www.tallerboricua.org](http://www.tallerboricua.org) | (212) 831-4333

White Columns | [www.whitecolumns.org](http://www.whitecolumns.org) | (212) 924-4212

*Brooklyn*

BRIC Rotunda Gallery | [www.bricartsmedia.org](http://www.bricartsmedia.org) | (718) 683-5604

Brooklyn Museum | [www.brooklynmuseum.org](http://www.brooklynmuseum.org) | (718) 638-5000

Kentler International Drawing Space | [www.kentlergallery.org](http://www.kentlergallery.org) | (718) 875-2098

Lefferts Historic House | [www.prospectpark.org/lefferts](http://www.prospectpark.org/lefferts) | (718) 789-2822

*Bronx*

Bronx Museum of the Arts | [www.bronxmuseum.org](http://www.bronxmuseum.org) | (718) 681-6000

Longwood Art Gallery-Hostos Community College | [www.bronxarts.org/lag.asp](http://www.bronxarts.org/lag.asp) | (718) 518-6728

*Queens*

Flushing Town Hall | [www.flushingtownhall.org](http://www.flushingtownhall.org) | (718) 463-7700

Jamaica Center for Arts and Learning | [www.jcal.org](http://www.jcal.org) | (718) 658-7400

King Manor Museum | [www.kingmanor.org](http://www.kingmanor.org) (718) 206-0545

MoMA PS1 | [www.momaps1.org](http://www.momaps1.org) | (718) 784-2084

Queens County Farm Museum | [www.queensfarm.org](http://www.queensfarm.org) | (718) 347-3276

Queens Museum of Art | [www.queensmuseum.org](http://www.queensmuseum.org) | (718) 592-9700

Sculpture Center | [www.sculpture-center.org](http://www.sculpture-center.org) | (718) 361-1750

*Staten Island*

Alice Austen House Museum | [www.aliceausten.org](http://www.aliceausten.org) | (718) 816-4506

Snug Harbor Cultural Center and Botanical Gardens | [www.snug-harbor.org](http://www.snug-harbor.org) | (718) 448-2500

Staten Island Museum | [www.statenislandzoo.org](http://www.statenislandzoo.org) | (718) 727-1135

**Free Hours at Cultural Venues**

* Brooklyn Botanic Garden | www.bbg.org
	+ Free admission on Saturdays from 10 AM–Noon, all day Tuesdays, winter weekdays, and Fridays for seniors.
* Asia Society and Museum | www.asiasociety.org
	+ Free admission on Fridays from 6-9 PM (does not apply from July 1 through Labor Day).
* Brooklyn Children’s Museum | www.brooklynkids.org
	+ Free admission every third Thursday from 4–7 PM and the first full weekend of every month from 2–5 PM, except holiday weekends.
* Bronx Zoo | www.bronxzoo.com
	+ Every Wednesday is free.
* Children’s Museum of the Arts | www.cmany.org
	+ Pay what you wish on Thursdays, 4-6 PM.
* Guggenheim Museum | www.guggenheim.org
	+ Pay what you wish on Saturdays, 5:45-7:45 PM.
* New Museum | www.newmuseum.org
	+ Free Thursday Evenings, 7–9 PM.
* New York Aquarium | www.nyaquarium.com
	+ Suggested donation Fridays after 3 PM.
* New York Botanical Garden | www.nybg.org
	+ Free all day Wednesdays, and Saturday from 10 AM–Noon.
* New York Hall of Science | www.nysci.org
	+ Free Fridays 2–5 PM and Sundays 10–11 AM.
* New York Historical Society | www.nyhistory.org
	+ Pay what you wish on Fridays, 6–8 PM.
* Noguchi Museum | www.noguchi.org
	+ Pay what you wish the first Friday of every month.
* Old Stone House | www.theoldstonehouse.org
	+ Suggested donation on weekends.
* Queens Botanical Garden | www.queensbotanical.org
	+ From April 1 through October 31, QBG has free hours on Wednesdays 3-6 pm and Sundays 4-6 pm. From November 1 through March 31, QBG is open from Tuesday to Sunday with free admission.
* Staten Island Children’s Museum | www.statenislandkids.org
	+ Grandparents Free Wednesdays 5-8 PM.
* Staten Island Zoo | www.statenislandzoo.org
	+ Free Wednesdays 2–4:45 PM.
* Van Cortlandt House Museum | www.historichousetrust.org
	+ Free Wednesdays.
* Wave Hill Cultural Center | www.wavehill.org
	+ Free Saturdays and Tuesdays, 9 AM–Noon.
* Whitney Museum | www.whitney.org
	+ Pay what you wish Fridays 6–9 PM.

**Organizations that Provide Free Programs at Various Locations**

* Chashama | www.chashama.org
* Creative Time | www.creativetime.org
* No Longer Empty | www.nolongerempty.org
* Public Art Fund | www.publicartfund.org
* Historic Richmond Town | [www.historicrichmondtown.org](http://www.historicrichmondtown.org)
	+ Free on Fridays, 1 PM–5 PM.
* International Center of Photography | www.icp.org
	+ Voluntary contribution every Friday, 5 – 8 PM.
* Jewish Museum | www.thejewishmuseum.org
	+ Free admission on Saturdays, Thursday 5-8 pay what you wish.
* Lincoln Center David Rubenstein Atrium | www.atrium.lincolncenter.org
	+ Free performances every Thursday at 7:30 PM.
* Morgan Library and Museum | www.themorgan.org
	+ Free on Fridays, 7–9 PM.
* Museum of Arts and Design | www.madmuseum.org
	+ Pay what you wish Thursdays 6–9 PM.
* Museum of Chinese in America | www.mocanyc.org
	+ Free every Thursday, 11 AM–9 PM.
* Museum of Jewish Heritage | www.mjhnyc.org
	+ Free every Wednesday 4–8 PM.
* Museum of Modern Art | www.moma.org
	+ Free Friday Nights, 4–8 PM.
* Museum of the Moving Image | www.movingimage.us
	+ Free Friday Nights, 4–8 PM.